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SUBJECT: FRENCH INTEREST IN NATO DEFENSE PLANNING DOCUMENT

1. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING ON JANUARY 9 WITH EWG REPS OF US, UK, FRG, CANADA, ITALY, NORWAY, IMS AND SACLANT (SEPTTEL), ASYG HUMPHREYS REPORTED THAT FRENCH DELEGATION HAD REQUESTED ACCESS TO DPC/D(74)21, OF DECEMBER 4, 1974, THE "OVERALL SUMMARY FORCE TABLES" OF NATO FORCES, DRAWN UP ANNUALLY BY IS ON BASIS OF DPQ REPLIES, WHICH IS CLASSIFIED COSMIC TOP SECRET. HE SAID THAT "GROUND RULES" ON FRENCH REQUESTS FOR ACCESS TO DPC DOCUMENTS ARE THAT, WHILE THEY DO NOT OF COURSE GET SUCH DOCUMENTS AS A MATTER OF COURSE, IT IS WITHIN DISCRETION OF IS TO SHOW THEM DOCUMENTS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. FRENCH HAD NOT, HOWEVER, PREVIOUSLY ASKED TO SEE A DOCUMENT OF THIS NATURE. HUMPHREYS SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED FRENCH REQUEST WITH DSYG PANSA AND SYG LUNS, AND THE LATTER HAD INSTRUCTED THAT FRENCH BE ALLOWED TO SEE THE DOCUMENT AND MAKE NOTES. IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY, HUMPHREYS SAID HE WAS NOT ASKING FOR CONSENT OF REPS PRESENT, BUT THAT SYG HAD ASKED HIM TO INFORM THE GROUP ABOUT THE MATTER.

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2. HUMPHREYS ADDED THAT, WHEN ASKED WHY THEY WANTED TO SEE THE DOCUMENT, FRENCH HAD REPLIED THAT THEY ARE DOING A STUDY ON NATO-WARSAW PACT RELATIVE FORCE CAPABILITIES. HE SPECULATED THAT, WHILE FRENCH ARE PARTICIPATING IN MC

CONVENTIONAL BALANCE STUDY, DATA AVAILABLE IN THAT FORUM IS  
PROBABLY NOT AS DETAILED, NOR PROJECTED AS FAR INTO THE  
FUTURE, AS IS DATA DRAWN FROM DPQ REPLIES.

3. MISSION INTENDS TO INTERPOSE NO OBJECTION TO IS ACTION  
IN THIS MATTER.  
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